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FROM OUR PRIESTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Blessed Sunday to you all! I have the honor this weekend of closing our three-week series on the parish mission statement: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church exists to form a community of Spirit-filled missionary disciples of Jesus. Fr. Dan spent the last two weeks reflecting on what it means to be a Spirit-filled missionary disciple, and today I will end the series by reflecting on life in community—more specifically, the kind of community we seek to form.

We all live within an expansive web of communities, but not all communities are created equal. For example, I am a proud owner of a Kroger Plus card, which identifies me as a member of the community of "those who shop at Kroger." What unites this community is largely convenience and preference, and it is easy to imagine that were I to move, I would no longer be a part of that community. On the other hand, I am bound to the priests of the Diocese of Lansing by a much deeper bond: that of sacramental ordination.

As we reflect on our mission statement, we must be aware of how we bind ourselves to the community that we seek to create. We are called to create a community that is "united in the same mind and in the same purpose" (1 Cor 1:10). We are invited to unity of mind through the life of the Holy Spirit, and to unity of purpose through the mission we share. We are meant to walk with one another, sharing joys and sorrows, highs and lows, knowing we can depend upon the strength of our brothers and sisters.

Finally, I invite you to imagine what it would look like if we truly fulfilled our parish mission. If you read our mission statement carefully, you can see that our parish is seeking to "form a community." We already have a community within the four walls of our church, and though there is room for continued growth, it should extend beyond those we meet at church. I believe we can only honestly say that we have fulfilled our parish mission when anyone who visits the city of Ypsilanti comes into contact with someone "in the wild" who is filled with the Spirit, on mission, and living in community. It certainly begins here in the church, but it bears fruit in our everyday lives and activities. Until that day comes, we can walk together as we live out and foster the Good News of Jesus Christ within our children, classmates, coworkers, neighbors, and all those to whom the Lord calls us.

God Bless You,

Fr. Jack

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH.

MASS TIMES

Monday	12:15 PM
Tuesday	6:00 PM
Wednesday	8:00 AM
Thursday	8:00 AM
Friday	12:15 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM
	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	11:00 AM

9:00 AM Mass Livestreamed here.

Recitation of the Rosary is held after daily Mass, Wednesday through Saturday.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Adoration Chapel

Monday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM-5:45 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM-9:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
Friday, 1:00 PM through
Saturday, 7:45 AM

CONFESSION

Monday	11:00 AM
Tuesday	6:30 PM
Friday	11:00 AM
Saturday	3:30 PM

WE EXIST TO FORM
A *Community* OF SPIRIT-FILLED
MISSIONARY DISCIPLES OF JESUS

LIVING AS DISCIPLES IN COMMUNITY

A TESTIMONY BY *Anthony Komasara*

When I first began attending St. John's in 2021, I was struck by the prayer that was prayed after the Prayers of the Faithful. I listened as the entire church prayed with earnest commitment, that the Lord would draw them deeper into their call to Missionary Discipleship through the witness and intercession of our Mother. As a cradle Catholic, I have spent my whole life within and around Catholic communities. However, hearing this prayer during Mass was new for me. And indeed, it has inspired me.

In what has seemed like the blink of an eye, it is now 2026, and my wife and I have since been married and have baptized our son here at this church. As great as these moments were, SJB has provided more than just fond memories of milestone Sacraments. It is a place that has offered a strong Catholic community through events and ministries like The Rescue Project, Healing the Whole Person, Exodus 90, and Coffee and Donuts (which is unequaled). It has provided us opportunities to serve in the men's and women's communities and involve ourselves as we would as members of a family. Looking back on these years, I can say with confidence that SJB is living out her mission and striving ever more to do so. We feel blessed knowing that the Lord's call for our family is to be parishioners at Saint John the Baptist, because it is here that we know we can grow as disciples in a community that supports us in our walk with the Lord and encourages us to share Christ's love with those around us.

SJB *on Mission:*

A MORNING OF MOBILIZATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
8 AM MASS
8:30 AM - 12:45 PM
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

This is your invitation to *SJB on Mission: A Morning of Mobilization*— a chance to respond to what the Lord has been stirring through our three-part preaching series on the parish mission statement. Step into what God is unfolding at St. John the Baptist and help carry the momentum forward.

Your gifts, your voice, and your love for the Lord matter as we continue our mission to form a community of Spirit-filled, missionary disciples of Jesus.

LEARN MORE & RSVP VIA THE QR CODE
KINDLY RSVP BY FEBRUARY 6TH

SJ Beat

NEXT WEEK

FEBRUARY ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 5PM TO
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 7:45AM
in the Adoration Chapel

**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO SIGN UP FOR
ALL-NIGHT ADORATION**

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING COMMUNITY LIFE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

HOLY BREWS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
7:00 PM
Ypsi Alehouse
124 Pearl St #100

WORSHIP NIGHT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
6:30 PM
in the sanctuary

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH
after the 8am Mass
downstairs in the PLC

EXODUS 90 - FRATERNITY MORNINGS

EVERY SATURDAY
JANUARY 17TH - APRIL 28TH
6:30am
downstairs in the Parish Life Center

It's not too late to join Exodus 90!

CRUX: A LENTEN DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE

This Lent, join Fr. Columba Jordan, CFR, for a daily journey of surrender and growth in discipleship. Crux is an all-in-one Lenten experience for individuals, families, and small groups, featuring daily written meditations with journaling space, free weekly video reflections by Fr. Columba, and weekly content designed to help families live Lent together. Rooted in simple daily practices—Scripture, prayer, fasting, and discipline—Crux invites you to follow Christ more intentionally and discover God's strength at work within you.

SJB will have a limited number of books available for a suggested donation of $10.

RESERVE YOUR COPY VIA THE QR CODE

CAMPUS MINISTRY

A NIGHT OF RENEWAL AND ENCOUNTER

Last Thursday, our community was deeply blessed to welcome Pete Burak, Vice President of Renewal Ministries, an organization dedicated to Catholic renewal and evangelization around the world. Many of our students had recently encountered Pete at the SEEK Conference, which we attended as our Winter Retreat, where he delivered a powerful keynote address.

Pete also joined us as the prayer leader for our worship night, where he spoke on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The evening was marked by heartfelt worship, meaningful teaching, and powerful prayer. Following his talk, Pete led students into small prayer groups, offering encouragement and speaking words of affirmation throughout the night as the Holy Spirit moved.

It was a truly grace-filled evening, and we are grateful for Pete's presence and ministry among us. Our students encountered the Lord in a powerful way, and we continue to pray that the fruits of this night will have a lasting impact on their lives and discipleship.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO READ THE SJB CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWSLETTER AND SEE HOW GOD WORKED AMONG OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS THIS PAST FALL. BE INSPIRED BY STORIES OF FAITH, COMMUNITY, AND TRANSFORMATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERS AND SUPPORT OF THIS MINISTRY!

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the gift of marriage during National Marriage Week by honoring couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (10, 15, 25, 30, 35 years and beyond). The celebration begins with the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, February 15, including a renewal of vows, followed by a cake reception in the Parish Life Center. Couples are encouraged to bring a framed wedding photo to display.

Milestone couples are asked to RSVP by Monday, February 2.

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP.

SJB WARMING SHELTER - COORDINATED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Men of the parish are invited to help care for the homeless from February 9–16, as SJB hosts a traveling warming shelter with the *Shelter Association of Washtenaw County*. Join the Knights of Columbus each night to serve those most in need.

CONTACT SHAWN LENHARDT AT 734-260-2732 TO LEARN MORE OR SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE.

FEBRUARY 9 - 16, 2026
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC AND TRINTIY HALL

"WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES" SERIES

January 26th.....Catholic Social Teaching

February 2nd.....The Four Last Things (Spiritual Combat, Church Militant, Church Suffering, Church Triumphant)

February 9th.....Catholic Morality Q&A / Ministry Panel

MONDAYS AT 6:30
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PLC

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE FULL SCHEDULE.

HURON VALLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Huron Valley Catholic School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 25, from 1–3 PM. Visitors will learn how the school nurtures academic excellence, faith formation, and a strong Catholic community.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026
1 - 3 PM
1300 N. PROSPECT RD.
YPSILANTI, MI 48198

SPIRITUS SANCTUS ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Spiritus Sanctus Academies are hosting Open Houses on Thursday, January 29. Visitors are welcome to attend 8 AM Mass, and tours will take place from 9 AM to 2 PM. Please join us at either our Ann Arbor or Plymouth campus.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026
9 AM - 2 PM
ANN ARBOR CAMPUS - 4101 E. JOY RD.
PLYMOUTH CAMPUS - 10450 JOY RD.

ST. JOSEPH CLASSICAL (SJC) HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

All interested parents and families are invited to attend an Open House during our Wednesday SJC sessions. Come experience the classrooms, ask questions, and learn more about our program. Children are welcome at parents' discretion.

For questions, contact Director Anna Nowaczewski at annan@sjypsi.com.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER.

JANUARY 28TH, FEBRUARY 4TH, 11TH, 18TH & 25TH

SACRAMENTS

MATRIMONY
Couples should contact the parish office to inquire about Marriage Formation as soon as they are engaged.

BAPTISM
Parents are required to complete preparation and must be registered parishioners for at least three months. Pre-registration is required. Please call the parish office for more information.

LAY MINISTER INFORMATION
If you are interested in serving as a Liturgical Minister or wish to update your schedule preferences, please submit your request by email to schedule@ypsicatholic.org.

REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS
Call or visit the parish office to ask for a special day. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. The stipend for a Mass intention is $10. Mass cards are also available.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the parish office for more information.

FUNERALS
Please call the parish office for more information.

OFFICE PHONE
734-483-3360

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR...

Katie (O'Toole) Davis
Kailyn Fitzgerald
Kris Kapcia
Ann Marie Rusiniak
Dorothy Chan
Philip Philipose
Shibu Philipose
Gemma Almendras
Jake Meyer
Pfc. Carter Hornbeck
Caroline Stramecky
David Sell
Rebecca McKenzie
Fred Hall

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a name to the intercessions for healing or for those serving in the armed forces. Names remain on the list for four weeks unless you request an extension.

Our Book of Petitions is also available in the Gathering Space, and these intentions are prayed for at every Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH
12:15 PM: To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27TH
6:00 PM: To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH
8:00 AM: To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29TH
8:00 AM: To Request a Mass Intention, Please Call the Parish Office.

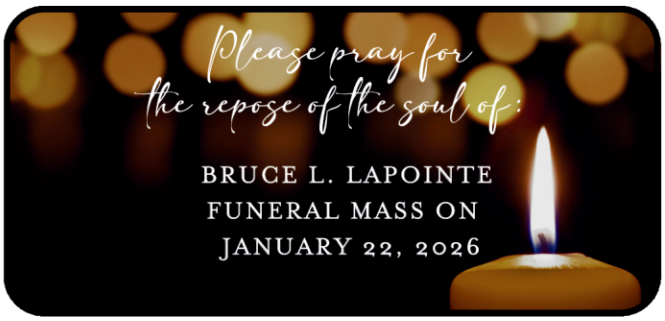
FRIDAY, JANUARY 30TH
12:15 PM: Increase in Vocations

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST
8:00 AM: Intentions of the Firn Godchildren
Requested by Joe & Mary Firn

5 PM: †Agnes Monti
Requested by Lori & Michael Boylan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
9:00 AM: Intentions of Fr. Dan Kogut
Requested by Mary Tillotson

11 AM: People of the Parish



St. Thomas Aquinas

JANUARY 28TH, 2026

For much of his childhood, Thomas Aquinas was known as the "Dumb Ox" because of his large size and slow speech. Little did his peers know they were mocking one of the greatest minds in human history.

Over the 2,000-year history of Catholicism, Thomas Aquinas is among the greatest theologians and philosophers the Church has known. Many believe his intellectual contribution to be unmatched. His theological treatise *Summa Theologica* is still read in universities across the world.

Brilliant as he was, Thomas was intimately aware of two important truths that elude many great minds.

The first was this: The longest journey we make is from the head to the heart. It is a spiritual journey, a pilgrimage of prayer. We think of the heart as emotional, and it is, but it is also deeply spiritual.

This was the second: There is a vast difference between knowing about God and knowing God.

Saint Thomas Aquinas wasn't just a brilliant mind. He was a man driven by a deep love for God. He was a man of deep prayer. And at the very center of his life, the source of his wisdom and joy, was the Eucharist. The same man who used Aristotelian philosophy to define Transubstantiation —the moment the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ—could hardly speak at times during the Mass because he was so moved when he participated in the actual miracle.

Thomas Aquinas' example invites us to ask some powerful questions about our own lives: Am I living my life from the mind? Am I living my life from the heart? Or have I found the delicate balance between the heart and the mind where love and wisdom reside?

And most importantly: Do I know about God or do I truly know God?

St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

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LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE
JANUARY 31ST & FEBRUARY 1ST

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
USHERS		
Fred Burdick	Carolyn Bradley	Steve Uram
Jeff Decker	Stephen Bradley	Aimee Uram-Taylor
Need Volunteer	Shawn Lenhardt	Andy Winnie
Need Volunteer	Brenda Swan	Wendy Winnie
GREETERS		
Rebecca Thomason	John Belleba	Need Volunteer
Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
LECTORS		
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Rebecca Lussier	Sarah Scholl	Maralee Meyer
SACRISTAN	**SACRISTAN**	
Therese Lasswell	Rachel Bourdreaux	Rachel Bourdreaux
ALTAR SERVERS		
Damien Dahl	Joe Comazzi	Hank Kangas
Jack Netsch	Need Volunteer	Tom Kangas
Liam Netsch	Need Volunteer	Jayden Smith

ADDITIONAL LAY MINISTERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AT OUR MASSES. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SERVE AND RECEIVE TRAINING, CONTACT SR. MARY AT SRMARY@YPSICATHOLIC.ORG.

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